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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>033246-0170</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/NO2003/000378   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>11/11/2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>12/27/2002            |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>DEEP WATER FLEXIBLE RISER PROTECTION   |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Basile BONNEMAIRE et al.  |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |  |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:  |   |  |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>  |   |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.55) <b>10/540507</b>  |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/NO2003/000378</b>                        |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>033246-0170</b> |            |
| The following fees have been submitted:  |              |   |   |   |            |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee   |              |   |   | \$300                                       | \$ 300.00  |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee  |              |   |   |   |            |
| If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)   |              |   |   | \$100                                       | \$ 200.00  |
| All other situations   |              |   |   | \$200                                       |            |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee   |              |   |   |   |            |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority  |              |   |   | \$100                                       |            |
| International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office  |              |   |   | \$400                                       |            |
| All other situations   |              |   |   | \$500                                       | \$ 500.00  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE 21, 22 and 23 =</b>  |              |   |   |   | \$ 1000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$ for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  |              |   |   |   |            |
| Total Sheets   | Extra sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) |   | RATE  |            |
| 19 - 100 =   | 0 /50 =      | 0   |   | x \$250.00                                  | \$ 0.00    |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))  |              |   |   |   | \$ 0.00    |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE  |   | \$         |
| Total Claims   | 15 - 20 =    | 0   | x \$ 50.00  |   | \$ 0.00    |
| Independent Claims   | 1 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$ 200.00   |   | \$ 0.00    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |              |   | + \$ 360.00   |   | \$         |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |   |   |   | \$ 1000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |   |   | +   | \$ 0.00    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |   |   |   | \$ 1000.00 |
| Processing fee of 130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).  |              |   |   |   | \$         |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |   |   |   | \$ 1000.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). 40.00 per property   |              |   |   |   | \$ 40.00   |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |   |   |   | \$ 1040.00 |
|  |              |   |   | Amount to be refunded:                      |            |
|  |              |   |   | charged:                                    |            |
| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate checks in the amounts of \$1,000.00 and \$40.00 to cover the above fees are enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>19-0741</u> in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-0741</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charge to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p> |              |   |   |   |            |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |              |   |   |   |            |
| Foley & Lardner LLP  |              |   | SIGNATURE  |   |            |
| Customer Number: 22428   |              |   | William T. Ellis  |   |            |
|  |              |   | NAME  |   |            |
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